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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATION AT MTN

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1. THE QUESTION OF CENTRAL AMERICAN REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA FOR THE MTN WAS ON THE AGENDA OF THE CEPAL MEETING (CA AND PANAMA) SCHEDULED FOR TEGUCIGALPA APRIL 27 BUT POSTPONED AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT RESIGNATION OF THE GOH ECONOMIC MINISTER WHO WOULD ACT AS HOST FOR MEETING. FOREIGN MINISTRY GENERAL DIRECTOR CARLOS CORDERO D'AUBUISSON, WHO WAS CENTRAL AMERICA'S LAST REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA, TOLD ECONOFF HE HAS DECLINED THE GENEVA POSITION SINCE HE WILL BECOME HEAD OF ICAP IN MAY. HE SAID TWO OTHER UNDER CONSIDERATION, BOTH GUATEMALANS, ECONOMIC MINISTER EDUARDO PALOMO AND RENE MONTES (OF COFFEE FAME), ARE APPARENTLY UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO ACCEPT. THE GOES IS NOT CONSIDERING FIELDING ITS OWN REPRESENTATIVES

TO MTN BUT, IN THE ABSENCE OF A CA/SIECA REPRESENTATIVE, ECONOMIC VICE MINISTER VALENCIA SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY ACCREDIT ING. GABRIEL PONS, ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF UN AT GENEVA, TO MTN SESSIONS.

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2. CARLOS VALENCIA, VICE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY, SAID THE GOES HAS NOT PREPARED FOR THE MTN APART FROM STUDIES COMPLETED IN CONNECTION WITH THE VARIOUS GSP'S. ON THE OTHER HAND, CARLOS CORDERO SAID CEPAL AND SIECA ARE WELL PREPARED FOR THE MTN AND ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS A DELEGATE.

3. SINCE THE GOES DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE ITS OWN PERMANENT DELEGATE TO THE MTN AND WILL RELY ON ITS EFFORTS THROUGH SIECA TO BE REPRESENTED, PERHAPS ROCAP COULD DETERMINE SIECA'S INTENTIONS.
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